



Housing

MWLS' Housing Unit assists low-income families and individuals with their affordable housing matters. Tenants who live in low-income housing and those with housing subsidies are given priority since this type of housing are so difficult to obtain and once terminated often results in homelessness.

We provide representation in the following areas:

- Eviction defense, including tenants whose landlords have been foreclosed upon
- Administrative appeal matters for applicants who have been denied admission into subsidized housing programs or for participants who have had their housing benefits terminated
- Homeowner's facing foreclosure

The Housing Project also runs a free *pro se* Housing Clinic twice a week to help tenants facing eviction prepare for their own court cases.

Pro se Housing Clinic

MWLS offers weekly *pro se* housing clinics for tenants living in the MWLS service area who are facing eviction. At each clinic, a housing attorney outlines the eviction process and timeline, discusses relevant defenses and counterclaims, and explains what to expect at the court appearance. The attorney also presents a general overview of settlement options and resources that may be available. All necessary court forms are provided along with assistance in filling them out.

Clinics are held on **Mondays from 9:30am - 12:30pm**. If you plan to attend one of the housing clinics, please register in advance by calling **508-620-1830**. All participants should plan to arrive a half hour early to complete an intake. **Please bring all relevant paperwork, including landlord mailings, especially the notice to quit and the court complaint.**

The Pro se Housing Clinic is free and is open to anyone being evicted, regardless of income; walk-ins are welcome.

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